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Four years ago scientists in the General Electric research laboratory at Schenectady began a thorough study of bedroom sleeping conditions. Every factor which induces restful slumber was considered, and a number of discoveries were made. One of these discoveries was an electric comforter, designed to afford safe, automatically controlled warmth to a sleeping individual without the necessity of heaped-up blankets or insufficient fresh air. Following a user survey of sample comforters made last year, they have been redesigned for general use.

Although it weighs no more than the average blanket, the electric comforter automatically maintains a desired temperature despite changes in weather during the night. It is composed of two thicknesses of light weight material between which many feet of specially insulated waterproof flexible wire have been sewn in a zigzag pattern. The wires are connected to a control box placed at the head of the bed.

The comforter may be laundered with perfect safety, since its insulation is waterproof.